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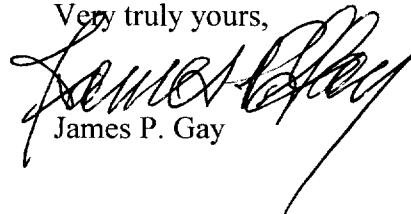
Dr. Jane Henney, Commissioner
U. S. F. D. A.
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Dear Dr. Hanney:

It is apparent that there is a serious and growing threat to public health from diseases which are becoming immune to antibiotics. The reason for this is flagrant overuse of antibiotics not only in people, but more particularly, in animals where these materials are added to animal feed. Thus the antibiotics are administered primarily to healthy animals.

The U.S. should follow the lead of other advanced nations such as Sweden in banning the non-therapeutic use of antibiotics in agriculture. I support the EDF and other organizations which have petitioned the FDA to revoke its approvals for existing uses of six antibiotics in animal feed, consistent with the recommendations of the WHO and the CDC.

Very truly yours,

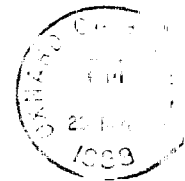


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